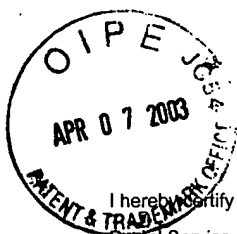


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AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

In the Specification, page 3, third paragraph (lines 14-16), please substitute the following amended paragraph:

One aspect of the invention is directed to DNA plasmid (ATCC accession number PTA-594) designated as BL21/DE3(8,9 PST) containing the neuS gene from *Escherichia coli* K92 and encoding α2,8/2,9 polysialyltransferase from *Escherichia coli* K92.

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